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For: APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A STACKED-TYPE CONNECTOR OF A WIRE HARNESS, A HOUSING HOLDER, APPARATUS AND METHOD AND FOR STACKING HOUSINGS OF STACKED-TYPE CONNECTORS, AND APPARATUS FOR PRESSING A JOINT PORTION OF A STACKED TYPE CONNECTOR

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on March 21, 2002 and to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 19, 2003, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated November 19, 2003 for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 01 13 0816, to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) European Patent Application No. EP 0 903 817 A1, which was published on March 24, 1999;
- (2) European Patent Application No. EP 0 963 008 A2, which was published on December

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8, 1999;

(3) U.S. Patent No. 4,835,858 to ADLON et al., which issued on June 6, 1989;

(4) U.S. Patent No. 4,898,215 to G. M. JONES, which issued on February 6, 1990;

(5) U.S. Patent No. 4,445,736 to J. R. HOPKINS, which issued on May 1, 1984;

(6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-150055, which was published on May 30, 2000, together with U.S. Patent No. 6,319,071 to K. SATO, which issued on November 20, 2001, which is an English language equivalent of the Japanese document, along an English language Abstract of the Japanese document;

(7) Taiwanese Patent Publication No. 394 476, which was published on June 11, 2000, together with U.S. Patent No. 6,241,564 to CHEN et al., issued on June 5, 2001, and which is an English language equivalent of the Taiwanese document;

(8) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/029664 to K. TAKADA which published on October 18, 2001;

(9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-203026, which was published on July 27, 2001; and

(10) European Patent Application No. EP 1 107 399 A2, which was published on June 13, 2001.

The category of relevance and pertinent portions of these documents to the claims of the European application, as indicated by the European Examiner, are as noted on the attached copy of the Partial European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

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Copies of the documents listed above in paragraphs (4)-(8) are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents. Copies of the documents listed in paragraphs (1)-(3), (9) and (10) have not been provided, nor have they been listed on the Form PTO-1449, since they were cited, and copies provided, in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed August 19, 2003.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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